

REMARKS

Applicant has cancelled claims 6 and 8-13 and has amended claims 1 and 5 as set forth above. Applicant notes with appreciation the Office's indication that claim 7 is allowable over the prior art of record and claims 5 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested

The Office has rejected claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 4,660,871 to Arakawa et al. (Arakawa) and has indicated claims 5 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 1 to substantially incorporate the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 6 and has rewritten dependent claim 5 in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant notes that no basis for the rejection of claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph was set forth in the Office Action and for purposes of this response assumes this was simply a typographical error on the part of the Office and there is no such rejection. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Office is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection and objection.

In view of all of the foregoing, Applicant submits that this case is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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